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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on November 27, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): It is respectfully submitted that the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, to claim 56 has not been sufficiently addressed. First, it is not clear as to whether the additions of "assembly" are intended to address the subject rejection. Further, if the amendments are intended to address the rejection, it is not clear as to how these amendments clarify the claim (i.e., a sufficient explanation of the amendments has not been provided). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

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